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TWO TRADERS exchange views as the electronic board shows a downtrend during trading at the Philippine Stock Exchange on Friday. Philippine shares plummeted for the sixth session, tracking a global sell-off as investors rushed to cut losses.

P554B in RP stock value lost in 6 days

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Larson and Doris C. Dumlao

ON THE TRADING FLOOR OF THE Philippine Stock Exchange, dealers turned to prayers as they watched the value of all listed stocks being eroded—P554 billion wiped out in six days.

"I haven't prayed for the stock market before, but for the first time in my life, this is what I'm doing," said Jose Vistan Jr., head of research at AB Capital Securities.

P554B IN RP/A11



THIS ONE makes a grim gesture on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Oct. 9. After a day in which the markets showed early promise in gains, the Dow fell 679 points, falling below 9000 points at the end of the trading day.

World markets crash

Bloodbath in Tokyo, London, Frankfurt

LONDON—EUROPE JOINED Asia's panic selling of stocks on Friday, knocking the benchmark world equity index to a 5-year trough, as fears grew that policymakers' efforts to contain the global financial crisis won't be enough.

Equity trading in Russia, Iceland, Austria, Romania, Ukraine and Indonesia has been halted while nearly half of Milan stocks are suspended for excessive losses, just hours before finance chiefs from Group of Seven rich nations meet in Washington.

"It's very close to panic. We are drowning in a sea of red numbers," said Barclays Wealth analyst Henk Potts.

So far, measures from the United States, Britain and other countries to fight the worst financial crisis in 80 years—even this week's coordinated interest rate cuts—have failed to calm credit and money markets and quell investor fears.

"The stark reality is that markets have judged the coordinated interest rates cut not to have been enough, and we are now left wondering how best to

WORLD/A11



ROUNDTABLE President Arroyo attends roundtable discussion organized by The Economist Conferences. Also in attendance are (from left) Colin Low of GE; Christian Fredikson of Nokia Siemens Networks; GMA, and Charles Goddard of the Asia Pacific Economist Intelligence Unit. Story on Page A9.

Darkest day in Wall Street

NEW YORK—A RUNAWAY train of a sell-off turned the anniversary of the US stock market peak into one of the darkest days in Wall Street history on Thursday, driving the Dow Jones industrials down a breathtaking 679 points and deepening a financial crisis that has defied all efforts to stop it.

Stocks lost more than 7 percent, $872 billion of investments evaporated, and the Dow fell to 8,579. When the average crashed through the 9,000 level for the first time in five years in the final hour of trading, sellers had only begun to hit the gas pedal.

Global stocks also went into a tailspin, with double-digit losses in Frankfurt, London and Tokyo, as widespread fears the financial crisis was spiraling out of control, dealers said.

Tokyo dived 11 percent at one point, as the credit crisis claimed its first Japanese financial institution with the

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New impeachment complaint to be filed today against GMA

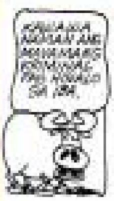
By Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Leila B. Salaverria

FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN as many years, President Macapagal-Arroyo is facing an impeachment complaint whose proponents vow to include the son of her once staunch defender, former Speaker Jose De Venecia.

Malacañang dismissed the move as another political gimmick, an effort bereft of legal basis, and a distraction from the country's pressing concerns amid the global financial turmoil.

Speaker Prospero Nograles, meanwhile, reminded the complaining parties that impeachment proceedings are a "political exercise" which

NEW IMPEACHMENT/A11



Gonzalez: Inmates tend to kill each other

By Norman Bordadora

HIGH-PROFILE PRISONERS NEED special quarters separate from common criminals, in the opinion of Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez.

"It is a difficult situation to mix them up with the other inmates ..." Gonzalez told the Inquirer on the phone. "Inmates tend to kill each other."

GONZALEZ/A11

Oil tumbles to $80 a barrel; gold price jumps

SINGAPORE—OIL HIT A ONE-year low of $80 a barrel and metals plunged 10 percent on fears that financial turmoil would hit raw material demand, but gold jumped to its strongest in more than two months as frantic investors chased risk-free assets.

As Asian stocks dropped, commodity investors also scrambled out of the markets as concerns grew that efforts to unlock battered credit markets were not working.

"In the midst of the bloodbath in the equity markets, gold will probably be the standout winner here," said Adrian Koh, an analyst at Phillip Futures in Singapore.

"I think a lot of people will be speculating about $1,000 gold again, and I personally think it's not very far away."

Bullion has gained nearly 12 percent this week as investors frantically searched for safe

OIL TUMBLES/A11

'20,000 are more deserving of pardon'

By Marlon Ramos

TWENTY PERCENT OF some 20,000 inmates of the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) in Muntinlupa City are more deserving of executive clemency than convicted murderer Claudio Teehankee Jr., according to the chaplain of the state penitentiary.

But "qualified" convicts like Teehankee are given priority over qualified prisoners, Msgr. Robert Olaguer told the Inquirer on Wednesday.

He defined "qualified" convicts as those with sufficient money and connections to have their applications for clemency processed quickly, and said the term was "actually coined by prisoners."

20,000 MORE/A4



Kiko denies talk of split with Sharon

By Christine O. Avendaño, Alcuin Papa, Marinel R. Cruz and Bayani San Diego Jr.

AGAIN, THAT RUMOR. AND ONCE more, the vehement denials.

Senate Majority Leader Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan told the Inquirer via a text message last night that it wasn't true his wife, singer-actress Sharon Cuneta, had left the country following a major argument over a woman.

"I already said the reports are inaccurate, untrue," the text message said. "In fact, I am now on the way to the airport

KIKO/A11



SINGER-ACTRESS Sharon Cuneta flies in from Hong Kong Friday night with her daughter KC Concepcion while her husband, Sen. Francis Pangilinan waits at the Diplomatic Lounge.

Prison perks products of 'circumstance'—Villarosa

By Jocelyn R. Uy and Nikko Dizon

THE COMFORTABLE LIFE enjoyed by wealthy men locked up in the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) is by "force of circumstance," said a former lawmaker and prisoner.

Jose Villarosa, a former representative of Occidental Mindoro, yesterday said that because of lack of space in the regular prison cells, he was able to occupy a "kubol"—or a private hut—that had better conditions than the quarters of

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Pirates free 20 more Pinoys

Crew of hijacked ship released after 80 days

SOMALI PIRATES HAVE FREED 20 FILIPINO SEAmen from a hijacked ship they held for more than 80 days, officials said yesterday.



GIANT FISH

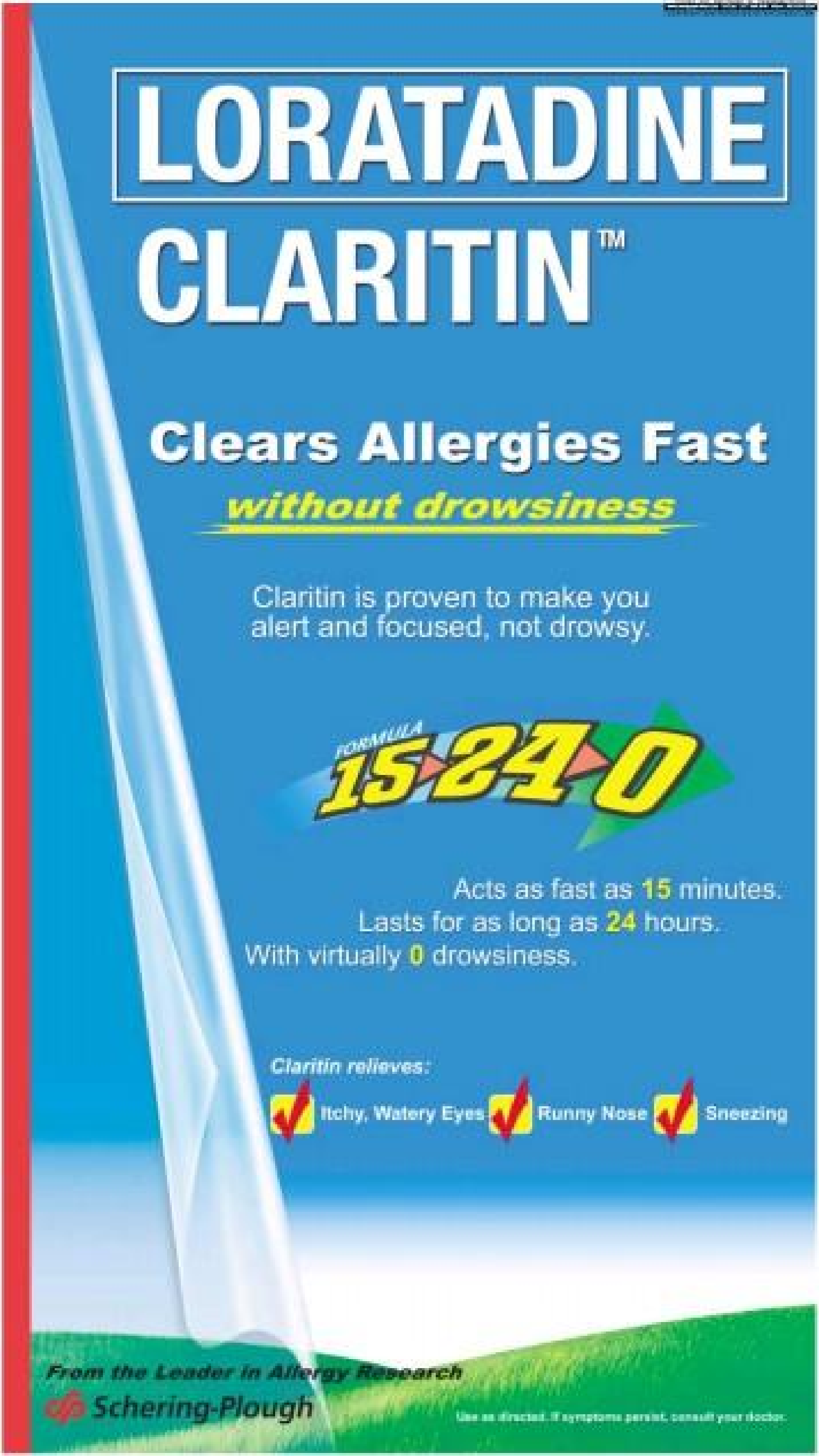
RP looking to Middle East for relief

THE PHILIPPINES IS LOOKING AT BOOMing economies in the Middle East to offset a possible slowdown in foreign investment arising from the US economic slowdown, President Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday.

More milk products cleared of melamine

Safe canned meat

China to assist claimants



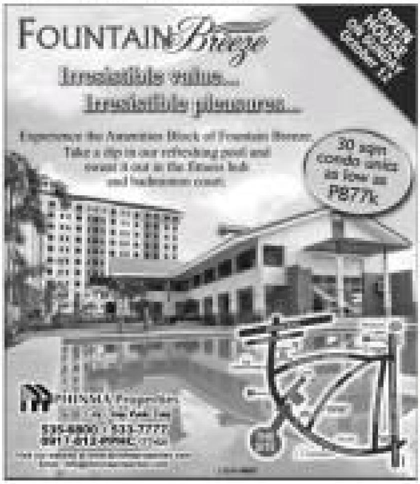
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BIR chief quits as collection falls short

By TJ Burgonio, Michelle V. Remo and Daxim Lucas

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Life goes on





MILF wants deal signed before resuming talks

By Jocelyn R. Uy and Arlyn dela Cruz

Shift in the peace paradigm

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Extrajudicial killings down, CHR notes

By Nikko Dizon

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Mystery car inside Muntinlupa

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₱265M sought to improve jails

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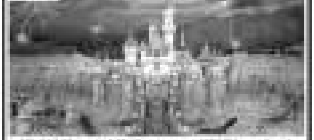
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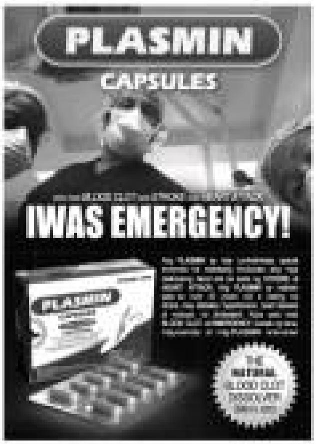
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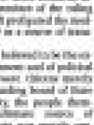
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Public Affairs Office,
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As economy sinks, more suicides seen

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Guinsaugon widows turn to Internet to bury the past



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THE TRAGEDY THAT STRUCK THE VILLAGE OF Guinsaugon in St. Bernard, Southern Leyte, killed her husband and child, but Melody Zamora is slowly trying to forget the bad memories that buried her entire village and killed over a thousand people.

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Across the NATION

TRO backing Port Irene cars ends today



NO EMISSIONS

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By Melvin Gascon
Inquirer Northern Luzon

SANTIAGO CITY—A CAGAYAN COURT ON Thursday stopped the implementation of an executive order banning the importation of used cars into freeports in the country, including the Cagayan Special Economic Zone and Freeport (CSEZFP) in Santa Ana, Cagayan.

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Equal protection

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Pineapple and pine tree

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Chiz tells sugar leaders: Fight advanced VAT



ESCUDERO

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

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Baguio doctor on 30th year treating his patients for free

By Donna Dacanillo
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—THE PARADIGM SHIFT came to Dr. Victor Dumaguing 30 years ago when a woman and her son came to him for treatment.

Since then, Dumaguing, 59, has been treating patients for free.

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BEERMEN TRIUMPH

Rain or Shine logs 1st win vs Red Bull

EVERYWHERE ELSE, RAIN might be the common staple in weather. Within the confines of the KFC-PBA Philippine Cup? It has been all shine so far for the league's former favorite whipping boys.

Aplus METRO
Editor Ester G. Dipasupil

4 in Pasig shabu 'tiangge' case get jail terms

Illegal drugs traders to spend 12-16 years in prison, says court

By DJ Yap

FOUR MEN WERE SENTENCED TO 12-16 YEARS in prison by a regional trial court yesterday for involvement in the trade of illegal drugs two years ago at the notorious shabu "tiangge" (market) in Mapayapa Compound in Pasig City.

Judge Librado Correa of the Pasig RTC Branch 164 found Bene Mijares, Gadly Fausto, Andres Villanueva and Benedict Balungcayit guilty of violating a provision of the Dangerous Drugs Act.

In his decision, Correa also ordered the four, the third group to be tried in connection with the Pasig tiangge in the same court, to pay a fine of P100,000 each.

Only Villanueva and Balungcayit were present when the decision was read. Mijares and Fausto were tried in absentia. They jumped bail and remain at large.

Villanueva and Balungcayit were also found guilty of using illegal drugs after they tested positive for methamphetamine hydrochloride (shabu) when arrested on Feb. 10, 2006.

On top of their prison sentence, they were also ordered to spend six months in the drug rehabilitation facility at Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig City.

The four were arrested during a raid of the illegal drugs market a few meters from the City Hall allegedly run by Amin Imam Boratong, who is facing a separate illegal drugs case before another judge, Abraham Borreta of Branch 154.

The men were arrested by PO3 Reynaldo Ramos and Roderick Antonio during an operation led by the Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force.

In his decision, Correa said the testimonies of the arresting officers, delivered in a "clear, direct and straightforward manner," should be given greater weight since the defense failed to raise doubts about the policemen's credibility.

The accused denied the charges, claiming their arrest was illegal.

Villanueva claimed he was walking with his wife and son on F. Pantaleon Street when a soldier confronted him and brought him to Camp Crame in Quezon City with the other suspects after he was frisked.

Balungcayit told the court he was in his house on the same street when a soldier arrested him for no reason.

But Correa said the two failed to substantiate their claims. He said they also failed to present evidence contradicting the results of the drug test.

Branch clerk Rachel Wanglung said the cases of more than 20 others charged with the same offense remain pending in Correa's sala. More than 200 were arrested in the 2006 raid.

Some cases are being heard in two other Pasig courts.

In January, Borreta sentenced two of the alleged den operators to life terms and meted various jail terms to 62 others. Four months later, Correa found another man guilty of participating in the illegal drugs market and sentenced him to 12-16 years in prison.

'Mining issue could be behind solon aide's slay'

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LGUs with less people 'punished,' says Abalos

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Taguig shifts to electric jeeps

Julie P. Figueroa; 59

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US voter generation gap pits old against young

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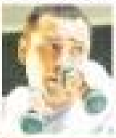


SHANGHAI—CHEN CHANGHUA WAS ENRAGED when he read melamine—the chemical he sells for a living—was found in baby formula. When he realized his infant son might be drinking it, he nearly fainted.

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New Yorkers ask: Will the economic tailspin translate to a rise in crime?

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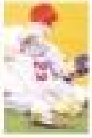
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RP lady booters in big AFF debut





China tossers out to regain girls' title



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Harbour Centre, PBL forming SEA Games five





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Recah Trinidad

Navy, UST booters trip foes

By Cecil P. Tupas



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Tanpinco lifts RP to 19th spot



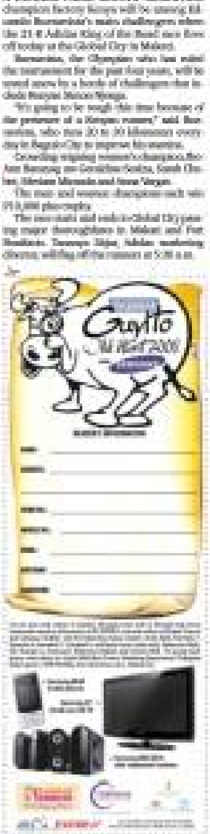
Aunzo wraps it up as rains wash out final round



AUNZO

Kenyan runner is Buenavista's main KOTR foe





BUSINESS



GSIS holdings falling in dollar terms

Current market value boosted by peso depreciation

AFTER ENDURING SEVERAL WEEKS OF CRITICISM AND speculation, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) yesterday gave in to pressure to reveal details of its overseas investments amid fears that it may have been hard hit by the global financial crisis.

Foreign investments down 60% in 7 months

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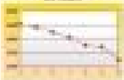
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RP eyes corn self-sufficiency by 2010

By Amy R. Remo

Farmers expected to increase output due to growing overseas demand

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Philippine exports grew 6.5% to $4.388B in Aug.

Demand for electronics dipped as shipments contracted by 2.8% to $2.5B

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The armadillo effect, times 1,000

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DMCI Homes launches 3 major projects







Last chance for much-coveted golf views at 8 Forbes Town Road

A view of the golf course

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Federal Land and Marikina creating sustainable community together



A major force to reckon with

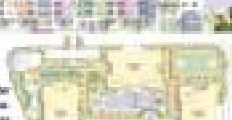




Self-sustained community

Counting down the many amenities at Manhattan Garden City









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Building on Chinese foundations

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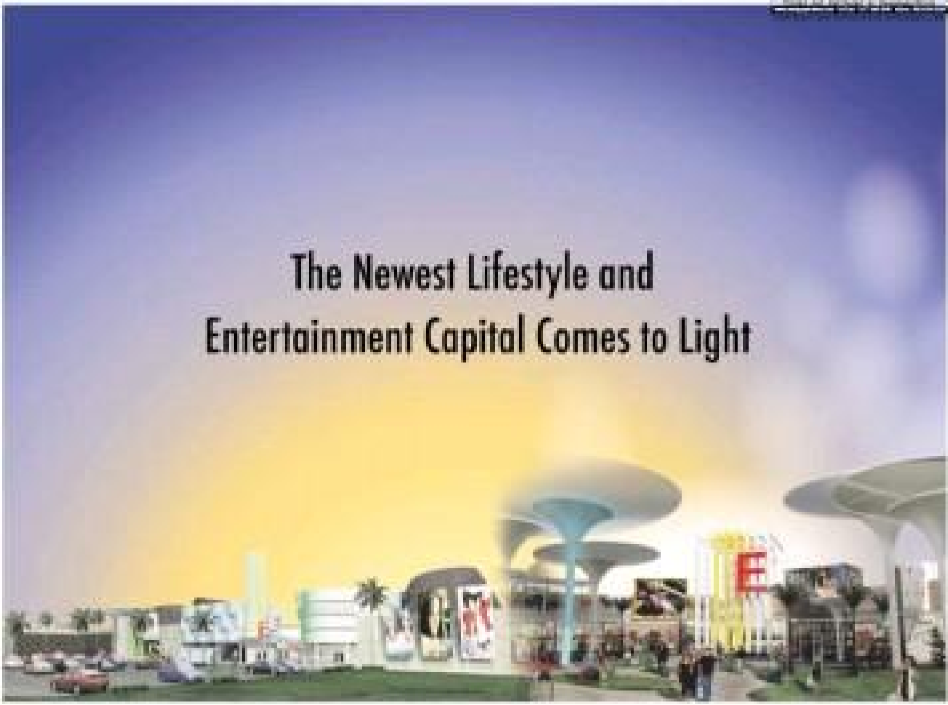


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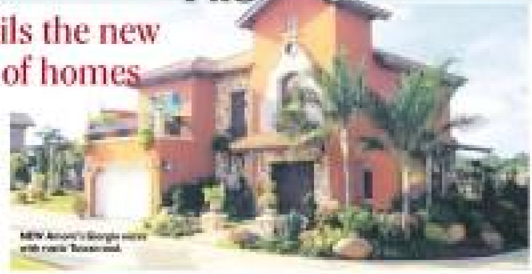


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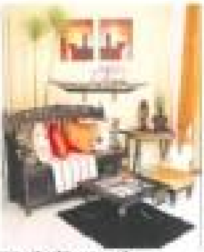
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DMCI Homes launches . . .

Surprised

Overlooked space turned into family sanctuary

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ROBINSONS Department Store embellished the area with earth-toned cushion pillows, pots and planters, print arts, candleholders, wooden trays, table runners and vases that gave the nook a lively vibe.

A new pergola

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THE ONCE-NEGLECTED area was transformed into a pergola where Nina and family can prop up their feet and loosen up.

Freiburg: the greenest city in the world

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FREIBURG, GERMANY leads the way as it shows the world what can be done to mitigate climate change while improving the quality of life in an urban setting through integrated development.

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GREEN ARCHITRENDS



Amado de Jesus

HOMES THAT CONSUME A MERE 15 kilowatt-hours per square meter per year, a car-free area that gives priority to bicycles and pedestrians and a green kindergarten school have made the German city of Freiburg an exceptional model for sustainable development.

While many countries merely aspire for developing sustainable projects, Freiburg leads the way as it shows the world what can be done to mitigate climate change while improving the quality of life in an urban setting.

Freiburg, like many other European cities, suffered during the Second World War when it was heavily damaged by Allied bombers. It had no industry and its biggest employer was the university, which accounted for its highly educated populace. It had very limited financial resources and as a result, the city was determined to use those resources wisely. Its goal was to make Freiburg one of the greenest cities in the world.

Integrated development

The key to the success of Freiburg is its integrated approach to development. Its city planning department, headed by architect Wulf Daseking, concentrated studies on inner city development by creating a compact community where people live close together, like they did during the medieval period. The city set new standards in energy consumption, public transport, waste collection and the active participation of its citizens.

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BALINTAWAK HOME DEPOT SOON TO OPEN

From the same group that introduced the Ortigas, Westgate Alabang, Manila Bay and Baliuag Home Depot, the Home Depot Group will open its fifth Home Depot on October 22, 2008. The opening of the Balintawak branch is aimed at servicing homeowners and businesses in the Quezon City and Caloocan City areas making it more easily accessible to their home interior and construction needs. Located along EDSA, Balintawak, it is built on the former Philippine Rabbit Bus Terminal on a sprawling 14,000 square meter lot. This will be the first home depot north of Metro Manila. Another home depot is under construction located in San Fernando, Pampanga which is slated to open sometime March, 2009.

The two-level, fully enclosed and air-conditioned home center is the perfect place to shop for all home interior and construction needs. The Home Depot Group is a joint venture of Cebu Oversea Hardware Co. Inc. and Wellpoint Industrial Co., both with long and excellent track records in the construction industry.

Despite the current business climate, the Home Depot Group feels confident about the country's economic future, evidenced by the two upcoming home depots. With the new breed of homeowners and trade professionals appreciating the convenience and advantages of shopping in one stop shop home centers, the arduous task of living and renovating one's home will be a thing of the past.









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Still the king of the world



Leonardo DiCaprio is intense, passionate and he cares about the world—just like his 'Body of Lies' character Roger Ferris

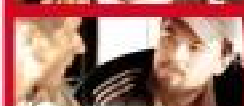
By Pam Pastor

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Complicated

Pivotal moment

Bizarre transition

Mutual admiration

No agenda

Super exclusive!



RUSSELL CROWE with director Ridley Scott



CROWE as Ed Hoffman

Crowe's feat

By Pam Pastor



Russell Crowe swears he does not love his 'Body of Lies' character Ed Hoffman but he liked the role enough to gain 50 pounds

DON'T LET THE TABLOIDS fool you. Russell Crowe is not an angry man.

Gratifying

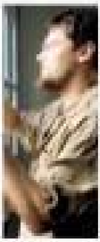
Big man



THIS SPY'S LIFE: Leonardo DiCaprio as Roger Ferris







Spy vs spy

By Pam Pastor

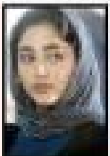
'Body of Lies' isn't about politics. It's an espionage story rife with seduction, manipulation and betrayal



MARK STRONG as Hani Pasha



DIRECTOR Ridley Scott and producer Donald De Line





LOVE IN THE TIME OF WAR: Iranian actress Golshifteh Farahani

Crowe's feat

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Grinding away

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'Ed Hoffman'

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Still the king of the world

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SUPER SELECTS!

Casino Royale rumble

In true James Bond style, Rogue magazine and URCC stage the country's first black-tie MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) event at the Hyatt ballroom





FROM YOUR RINGSIDE SEAT with a view to kill for, you may just exchange furtive glances with a debonair British spy, irresistibly suave but suitably arrogant, as he slithers his way past a shaken-and-stirred crowd in starched tuxedos and slinky evening gowns—all of whom are in for a night of chaos and carnage.

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Cinemanila Turns 10

By Janine Cuenca-Ocampo and Stef Juan

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LIFESTYLE





Ferrari, Formula One and fuel

By [illegible]

TO THE [illegible] FERRARI is the end-all and be-all of Formula One racing. But you can't blame many people for being under the impression that Formula One is all about Ferrari—after all, racing legend Michael Schumacher (who propelled the motorsport to greater heights) was a [illegible] figure in his bright red car.

Since its inception in 1950, Formula One racing has gone a long way in entering the mainstream psyche. Races are held all over the world, with the recent Singapore night race being the latest.

"The country is fantastic, and the track is a cross between Valencia and Monaco," said Scuderia Ferrari's Felipe Massa, who is known for his wild style of driving. "The night before the race, I walked around the track at 3 a.m. and went around on my bike to try to remember the route."

FERRARI D4





A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Where to Stop Where to Go

7th Heaven at the Waterfront Manila Pavilion





BELGIAN DINNER AT NEW HORIZON HOTEL

Relaxing weekends at City Garden Hotel Makati

Black tie brawl

'Find Your Shangri-La' art exhibit

Oktoberfest poolside party at The Grand Regal Hotel Davao

Bazaar season starts at Intercontinental Manila

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NEW VIDS ON THE BLOCK

Look at these ladies



"Official Girl" by Cassie

Tours, Leisure & Chow



A MUST TRY AT CAFÉ ASTORIA

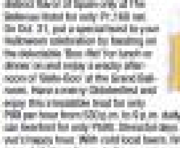
Mandarin celebrates Oktoberfest

It's Oktoberfiesta at Fiesta San Miguel

A wacky Spanish October at The Bellevue



Richmonde Grill's dinner exclusives for October



Ferrari, Formula One and fuel

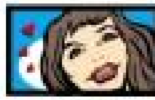






Future of motoring





Age is nothing but a number

One Night Only: Taft meets Katipunan





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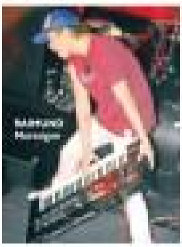
















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Simpsons comedy conquers the screens yet again



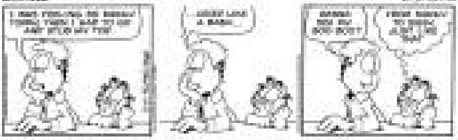
James Eduarte

THE WAY THE AFternoon sun hits Jerusalem's rooftops in "Assassin's Creed." The lashing spray of ocean waves pouring over a cargo ship's bow as you sniff out a nuclear threat in the Bering Strait during the prologue of "Call of Duty 4." These are the photorealistic visuals people have come to associate with next-gen gaming.

If you're measuring by this narrow criterion, "The Simpsons Game" is about as next-gen as the drab pixels making up Moe's ... since '93. Even in the Xbox 360 version of "The Simpsons Game" I played, the graphics weren't exactly eye-popping. Some of the cutscenes make Bart and company look as though a spastic 9-year-old snipped each character out of construction paper and

BETTER E4

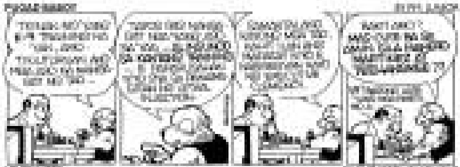
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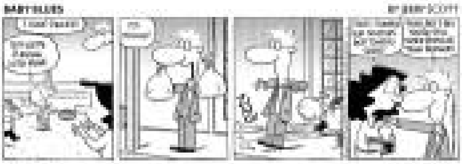


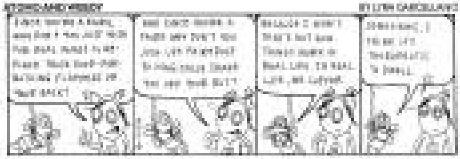
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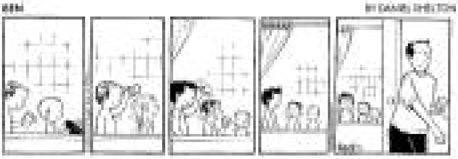
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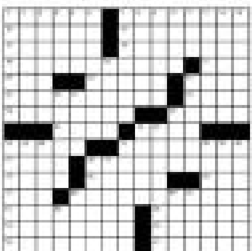






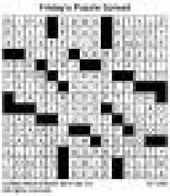


DAILY CROSSWORD



By Matthew Higgins, Concord, MA

Friday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

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Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

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What makes Singapore a perfect F1 destination?



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STOP AND SHOP — Singapore offers retail therapy



Better than Tekken

From page F1

glued them to your TV screens. But, man, is this game funny. Not "oh, that's cute" funny. I'm talking deadly funny, Stephen Colbert funny, corn gun funny.

It's easy to measure the growing awesomeness of the gaming medium by the seismic advances it has made in terms of visual representation. But the true measure of a game's wits factor lies in how well it connects viscerally. Games these days are making an emotional impact on players, and humor is an important piece of that puzzle. Exhibit A: Developer Valve's masterpiece of a game called "Portal"—which topped many Best-of-'07 lists—should be studied in clown colleges for its pitch-black humor. It's a first-person shooter that also teases you to metaphorical stitches.

D'oh-ing it right

Previous attempts at Simpsons games fell often on the TV show. You merely had Bart and Homer dropped into games that could've just easily starred Daffy Duck. For this installment, however, Electronic Arts opened its gold-plated checkbook and spared no expense to get it right. They hired the Emmy-winning writing staff of the FOX cult show, as well as its legendary voice actors.

The project's sense of humor targets lifetime gamers via inside jokes and parody levels based on everything from retro arcade titles like "Missile Command" and "Joust" to modern franchises like "Medal of Honor" and "Final Fantasy."

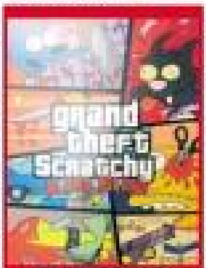
The Neverquest level draws the game's biggest LOLs by poking fun at the fantasy genre. A sign just off the path instructs travelers, "Do not level up on the grass." While fighting hordes of enemies that resemble Moe the bartender, Homer moans, "That's what you get for fighting with somebody who watched five minutes of 'Lord of the Rings' before falling asleep." Marge even has her moments: "You know what this dungeon needs? A Glade Plugin!"

Simpson-ized

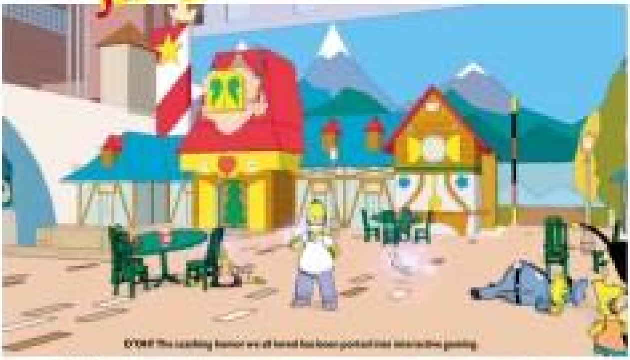
The game also chimes in on the violent video game debate with its parody of controversial violent shooter "Grand Theft Auto." Before entering a level called Grand Theft Scratchy, Marge says to Lisa, "This game is the only reason kids are bad. Let's clean it up!" She even sends Maggie crawling through a ventilation shaft into a recording studio to change the irreverent rap it's broadcasting, to bland easy listening. (I wonder how much it cost EA to license Dionne Warwick's "That's What Friends Are For.")

Even though the gameplay itself is tedious—run here, jump there, solve the occasional puzzle—you'll end up pressing on and grind through each level just for the zaniness of its hilarious dialogue and the rancorous bookending chats.

Video games aren't pop to most parents to learn. But with "The Simpsons Game," expect your first (interactive) tears to be shed because you'll be laughing so hard.



THE SIMPSONS GAME
(Electronic Arts)
Platforms: Xbox 360, Nintendo DS, Nintendo Wii, PS2, PS3, Sony PSP



D'OH! The cracking humor we all loved has been ported into interactive gaming



SPRINTING THROUGH SPRINGFIELD Sequel shop in the background

We say YEA or NAY

PS3 downloadable games for the price of Chocnut

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NAY: No logo, no fun, no value.

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(Sony Computer Entertainment)

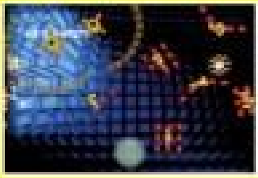
While it plays quite differently from the PSP favorite, this download retains a fresh feel and a sense of absolute innocent bliss. It can be played through quite quickly but there are enough hidden areas and Locoroco to the cuddled game world to keep you trying for 100 percent completion for a while.



Everyday Shooter

(Queasy Games)

Some might call "Everyday Shooter" yet another "Robotron" knockoff, but we call it absolutely brilliant. Eight beautiful levels are set to a great soundtrack, and with a flurry of artistic sensibilities, this game has us completely enamored.



Go! Sports Ski

(Yuke's)

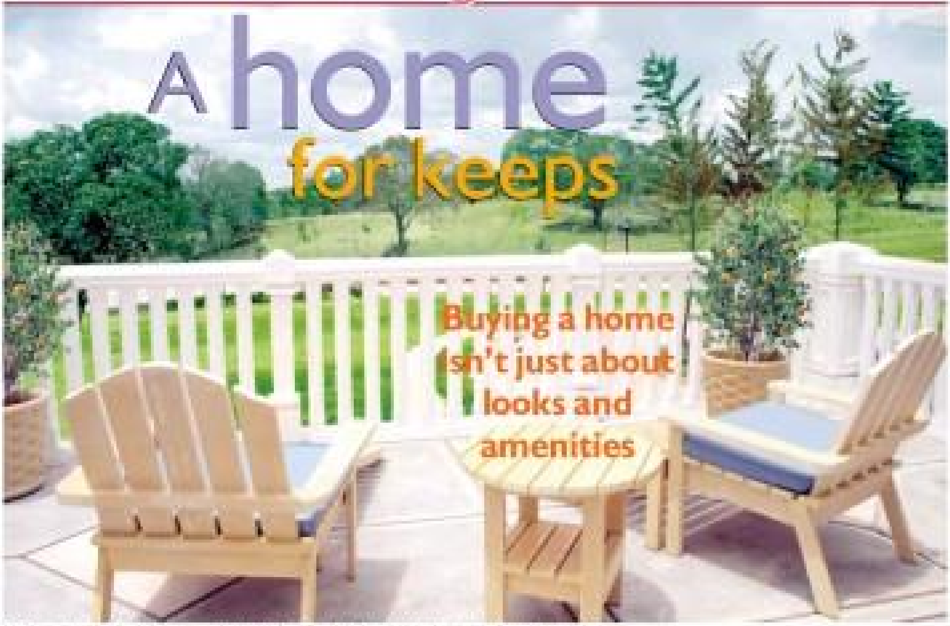
It's hard to imagine why this absolutely dreadful game—consisting of only two runs—ever made its way to the PlayStation Network. The dated 4th controls are not engaging in the least, it looks like a sub-par PS2 title, and there's really no fun to be found. PS3 games—even downloadables—don't get any worse.



LIFESTYLE

A home for keeps

Buying a home isn't just about looks and amenities



HOME sweet home: (from top) Watch the world from the comfort of your Avida home, which makes provisions for cozy corners like this.

By Joy Rojas

BEFORE TYING THE KNOT LAST March, Jeffrey and Rhea Licup, former BPO employees and sweethearts for four years, saved up for their very own home. Gone were the coffee breaks and dining in fancy coffee shops and restaurants; instead, the young couple settled for DVD dates and fast food meals to save their hard-earned salaries for the down payment of their dream home in Avida Residences Santa Catalina in Dasmariñas, Cavite. "When we saw how peaceful and quiet the community was, we knew this was where we wanted to live so we decided we will work hard and save up for this home," says Jeffrey.



AVIDA Settings Cavite: an ideal community for growing families



AVIDA's Chris Maglanoc at Avida Towers New Manila: practically designed homes with essential amenities

Rhea, a help desk agent for Global Exchange, and Jeffrey, a tech support engineer at its sister company, are today proud homeowners. Both appreciate that they can dream about growing a family in an Avida community and enjoy the benefits associated with a development that is made by an Ayala Land company. Avida is the Ayala Land subsidiary focused on providing affordable homes. Like other Ayala Land companies, it aims to nurture communities—and not just build houses—and attend to customer's needs even long after the last lot in their neighborhood has been sold.

For Eddie and Fabris Managbanag, BPOs in Italy for the past 14 years, the quality of life offered by Avida Towers' residential condominium units, their locations near malls and business districts, and committed property management all add up to a sound investment. The couple has in fact invested in three condominium units in various Avida Towers locations in Metro Manila—Sucat, New Manila and Makati. As soon as each of their units are turned over to them, they will lease out the properties. They expect the income of these properties to take care of their needs even over the long term.

They shared, "We are working hard to build a better future for our son. Just five more years to go and we're homebound. We want to retire and savor the fruits of our labor in our own country."

According to Christopher Maglanoc, assistant vice president of Avida's Project and Strategic Management Group, buying a home is a major milestone that requires serious and careful thought. "Many first-time buyers tend to focus merely on the price of a



AVIDA Towers Sucat: a wise investment for first-time buyers



BETTER quality of life at Avida Residences Sta. Catalina

home and the amenities that come with it. Rather than getting the best value for their money from a company with an expanded track record," he says. Thus, they open themselves to uncertainties like delayed completion and delivery dates, questionable titles, shoddy materials and workmanship, inadequate customer support.

Ricky Celis, Avida Marketing and Sales vice president says, "We aim to be our buyers' partners. Most of them are first-time buyers—either buying their first home or making their first investment."

"The partnership begins when a prospective client walks into an Avida sales office. Sales personnel help him choose a house that will suit both his needs and budget. In Avida's long experience, clients who earmark at most 30 percent of their budget for housing, show a better payment track record.

The partnership also extends to a site that are the result of careful product development. We offer our buyers practically designed homes and provide essential amenities that are expensive and function efficiently over time.

In addition, the company maintains a customer service unit to attend to homeowner's needs. Avida provides a workmanship warranty of one year—11 months more than what most developers offer. Each Avida development is also assigned a community manager to oversee operations until the homeowners themselves have become adept in managing their community. The community continues to thrive with the many programs put in place by Avida that will promote a peaceful and orderly neighborhood and will make the residents proud of their community. One of these programs is the Project C.L.E.A.N. & G.R.E.E.N., which helps enhance quality of life in the communities through clean and healthy environment.

Buying a home, like any milestone in life, means you've finally come of age and that you're ready to take on the responsibility of nurturing a long-term investment and maintaining a property that you've spent years working hard and saving for. Make this moment a memorable event by doing your homework: Looks and location are key, but do focus as well on the important matter of partnering with a reliable developer from the start, one who will, as Celis says, "make moving into your very own home" a happy experience.



RICKY Celis at Sta. Rosa Estates clubhouse: nurturing communities not just building houses

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SATURDAY *Special*

Editor Marbee U. Reyes • Assistant Editor Rito P. Asilo

Star-studded Hollywood sendup is a mixed bag of thespic tricks and treats



STILLER, BLACK AND DOWNEY Comic mayhem

By Rito P. Asilo

WHEN ACTOR-DIRECTOR Ben Stiller brings Hollywood to the battle-scarred countryside of southeast Vietnam, comic mayhem ensues. Who knew that a war movie could be so much fun? In the case of "Tropic Thunder," self-deprecation and thespic innovation make a comedically explosive partnership.

Primadonna movie stars are the bane of filmmaker Damien Cockburn's (Steve Coogan) worries. With filming a month behind schedule and studio head, Les Grossman (a balding and wrinkled Tom Cruise in a fat suit), breathing down his neck, the beleaguered director conspires with novelist, John "Four Leaf" Tayback (Nick Nolte), to put their troubled war movie—already dubbed "the most expensive war movie ever made"—back on track.

High-profile cast

To offset the bloated budget, Cockburn gathers his high-profile cast and drops them off in the jungles of Indo-China's Golden Triangle for some cheap guerilla filmmaking. The self-absorbed quintet is headed by fading action superstar, Tugg Speedman (Stiller), who's hoping to repair his depreciating box-office cachet with the movie.

Joining Speedman in the cast are popular funnyman (yet cocaine addict), Jeff "Fatty" Portnoy (Jack Black), nerdy character actor, Kevin Sandusky (Jay Baruchel), and five-time Academy Award winner, Kirk Lazarus (Robert Downey Jr.), whose obsession with his misguided Method acting discipline convinces him to surgically dye his skin black to play the role of an African-American soldier! (Lazarus is so committed to his craft that, even in the face of death, he can't bring himself to drop character.)

The fifth member of the "squad" is black rapper-turned-actor, Alpa Chino (Brandon T. Jackson), who's exasperated because the coveted role of the black soldier has been given to a white actor. —What a zany, likeable bunch they make!

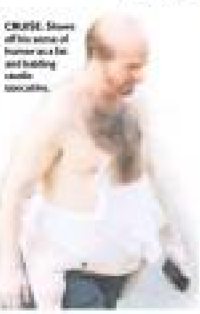
Clueless show biz habitués

In no time, the Newman's filmmaking adventure turns into genuine guerrilla warfare between the clueless show biz habitués and a gun-toting band of heroin producers and peddlers, who mistake them for agents of the US Drug Enforcement Agency!

Stiller's sendup of Hollywood fuels the film's laugh-out-loud humor—with impressive cameos and supporting roles from big stars like Matthew McConaughey (as Speedman's agent), Tobey Maguire (who figures in a smirking "Brokeback Mountain"-patterned gay romance, this time between monks, with Downey), Jon Voight (as a losing Oscar nominee), Jennifer Love Hewitt, Tyra Banks, Jason Bateman, Kevin Pollak, Mickey Rooney, Alicia Silverstone, Christine Taylor—and N'Sync's Lance Bass playing the love interest of one of the actors!

Some of the comic misfit drama from a somewhat slow, joke-light middle-third, but inspired gags and farcical zingers will have you laughing and rolling in the aisle for the most part. Stiller shows Hollywood

STAR-STUDDED G2



CRUISE. Shows off his sense of humor as a fat and balding studio executive.

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How to land that plum role

By Nestor U. Torre

TO MAKE IT IN THE biz, new talents should master the fine art of auditioning. When you audition, you show producers and directors what you're capable of doing in terms of acting, singing, dancing, hosting, newscasting, selling products, etc. If you audition well, you impress the decision makers. If you don't, all you'll get from them is "Thank you … we'll call you, don't call us … next, please." Sometimes, you don't even get the "Thank you" and the "please"!



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Star-studded Hollywood sendup...

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Voice talents stand out in 'Igor'



ANIMATED feature is a mishmash of elements and styles.

Characters

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'Go the Distance'



On Cinemax

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On C/S Origin

Reservoir of joy

LOTUS POND

AT THE CINEMAS

AT THE MALLS



ORGANIZERS of Pink Kitchen II with special guests, former First Lady Imelda R. Marcos (center) and Inquirer editor in chief Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc (standing, extreme right).

Food festival for a cause

STREET SMART



Mandy Navasero

ON OCT. 18 AND 19, Pink Kitchen, one of Manila's most anticipated food festivals, will once again open its doors to the public. [illegible]

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FOOD A1

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DiCaprio and Crowe's spy game underscores the futility of war

By Rito P. Asilo

"Body of Lies"

D: Ridley Scott

S: Leonardo DiCaprio, Russell Crowe



CROWE AND DICAPRIO: Contrasting but complementary dramatic choices.

IN RIDLEY SCOTT'S MUST-SEE ACTION-drama, "Body of Lies," Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe [illegible]

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'Go the Distance'

THE ST. JOHN BOSCO (SJB) CHORALE is leaving for a performance tour of Ontario, Canada, for the next two months. Tonight at 7:30 p.m., they perform in their send-off concert, "Go the Distance," at the St. John Bosco Parish Church in Makati. [illegible]



YUTA: On view at CCP Main Gallery until Dec. 31.

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'Mischief Madness'

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COUNTERCLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT: Guinto, Concepcion, Pangandaman and Reyes topbill hit gag show.

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SATURDAY Special

Finding quiet moments with Brad is hard for Angelina

LOS ANGELES—WE CONTINue sharing excerpts of our latest press con with Angelina Jolie, who was gracious and candid, as usual.

The actress is compelling in Clint Eastwood's "The Changeling," which is based on a true story of how a woman, Christine Collins, dealt with a kidnapped son and challenged a corrupt Los Angeles police department in 1928 Los Angeles.

Angelina, who tends to refer to Brad simply as "he," talked about the challenge of finding quiet moments with him in the face of the couple's having a brood of six, among other topics. At the interview held recently in New York, the beautiful, fulfilled mother updated us about her kids, some of whom she mentioned by their nicknames: Mad (Maddox), Pax, Zee Zee (Zahara), Shiloh, Knox and Viv (Vivienne).

Now that you and Brad have six kids, how do you and Brad find the time for just the two of you?

It's been the hardest thing to find—some time alone. Because even if we lock our door, they (the kids) knock. We often try to go to the bath together at the end of the night, where we sit and talk. They hear the water and want to jump in, so yeah, everybody ends up being there. But it's fun and lovely.

Twins

Tell us more about the twins.

Knox and Viv are the sweetest little things—to see them together is just something else. They lie down next to each other a lot. They respond to each other—more so now. They're starting to smile a lot. It's funny that Knox looks like Brad and Viv looks a bit like me. They're good babies. We're very lucky. The trick to having six is, once you pass three or four, it gets so crazy, anyway, that there's just more chaos—and it's okay.

So, you're not done yet?

No.

Do the twins have sleeping patterns now, so you get to have a sleeping routine yourself? Are they developing distinct personalities?

They are pretty much on schedule. They're a little jet-lagged right now, but they pretty much eat every three hours. That's why I have breaks in my day (laughing). They are developing distinct personalities, but it's so hard to know early on. Knox is very chill. He likes music. He's very relaxed. Viv's more aggressive and loud. But, they are very sweet. There's that great thing where you wonder, how's (their) marked lonely for one because you got them together. They always have each other. They can look at each other. They put their hands on each other. It's just beautiful.



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How closely did you identify with your role in "The Changeling," especially since you've experienced being the subject of character assassination yourself?

What she was dealing with was so different.

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JOLIE, candid and relaxed in the interview, revealed that she and Brad try to have some quiet moments by themselves with a bath together at night. She said with a laugh that their kids hear the water, so they knock on the locked door and want to jump in the tub, too. "It's fun and lovely," said the beautiful mother of six.

Finding quiet moments...



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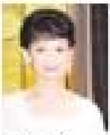


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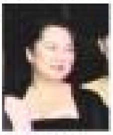


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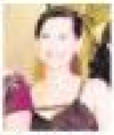




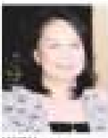
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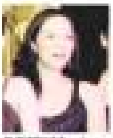
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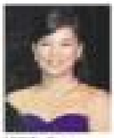
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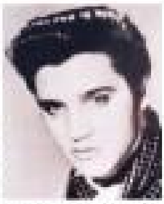


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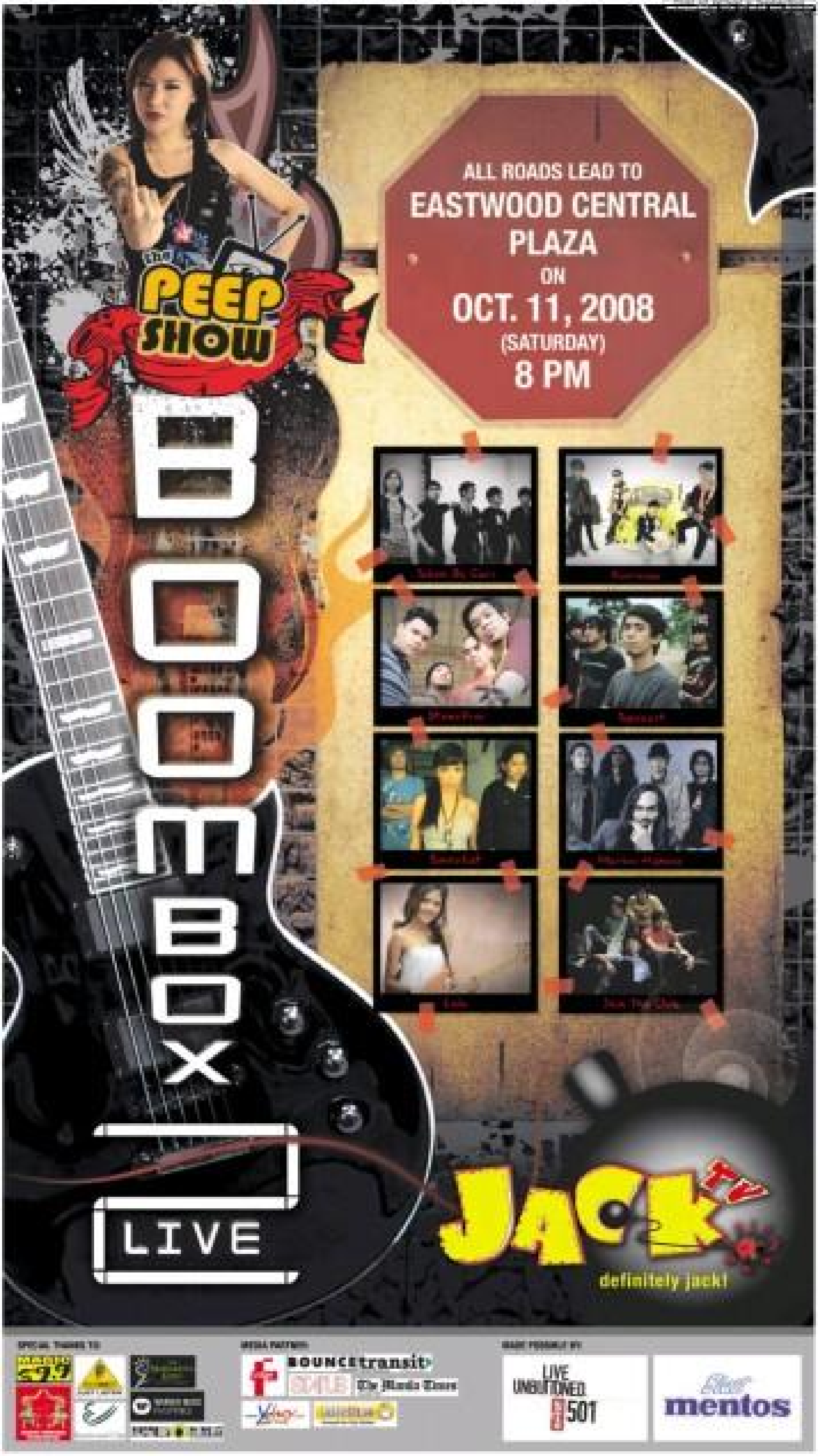
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